

How are you celebrating the new Millennium?



What is the Scottish Millennium Festival? Imagine a rich collection of carnivals, pageants, artistic exhibitions, local festivals and sporting activities joining together to create a unique year-long millennium celebration.

Imagine people coming together from communities all over Scotland to plan and organise events to mark the

Millennium in a special way.

This is the Scottish Millennium Festival, a unique opportunity to have fun and celebrate the talents, culture and diversity of Scotland.

From beacons in the hills to carnivals in the towns, from concerts in the park to singing in the streets, the Millennium Festival activities are brought to you by people in your area, who want you to share in this

momentous year.

So join the fun throughout the year 2000 with your friends and family and celebrate the spirit of the Millennium by bringing the nation together.

In the first Scottish Millennium supplement, issued on April 26, we looked at a number of the events and projects taking place in the early part of the year.

This issue features some of the vast programme of events taking

place throughout the summer – and, as you will, see there is barely a day without a celebration going on and this is only a selection of the hundreds of events.

We are sure you will find something to make the summer of 2000 memorable for you.

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JUNE 2000

Duff House: The best of Duff House this Millennium! World premier of a specially-commissioned music theatre. Also music, dance and puppetry in Aberdeenshire. Runs until October.
Contact: 01261 818184.

Moon Over Musselburgh: A large-scale multi-media performance, involving community and special needs groups from East Lothian, on June 28.
Contact: Jane Bechtel - 0131 555 3585.

JULY 2000

Millennium Market Day: A highlight of Millennium and Royal Campbeltown on July 1, where Campbeltown will be transformed into a 19th century community on market day.
Contact: Deirdre MacPherson - 01586 552659.

Meeting of people who used to live in the village: On July 2 there's a chance to look up old friends and relatives in Aberdeenshire, through a historical gala.
Contact: Brian Taylor - 01651 891476.

Thornhill Gala 2000: Extended gala, music, parade, fancy dress, pipe bands and brass bands. Fun for all the family in Dumfries and Galloway from July 2 to 8.
Contact: Iain David Renicks - 01848 331549.

MM Festival: Young people from throughout the UK will live and work together in Stirling for an intense week of classes in dance, drama, film, music, technical stage skills and visual arts. From July 1 to 9.
Contact: Claire Hunter - 0131 556 8844.

The Thrie Estaites: Large scale production of Scotland's greatest play on its original outdoor site in Cupar, Fife. Runs from July 2 to 9.
Contact: John Carnegie - 0141 339 9210.

Heaven and Hell: Exhibition of contemporary, recent and ancient material from around the world, relating to the beliefs about the afterlife, at the Royal Museum, Edinburgh. It runs from July 15 to October 22.
Contact: Information Desk - 0131 247 4219.

European Cricket Championships: The third European Cricket Championships will be held in Scotland during 2000. The event will take place from July 22 to 27 in 10 venues - most of which are likely to be in the West of Scotland.
Contact: David Potter - 0131 317 7247.

Coming Home Ceilidh Dance: Celebration dance, extending an invitation to residents of Glasgow with tale

of Islay origins. To take place in Bruichladdich Hall, Islay, on July 29.

Contact: Robin Currie - 01496 850517.

AUGUST 2000

Local Heroes: Exhibitions and workshops culminating in a lantern procession in Lochgilphead, on August 1.
Contact: Roy Flatt - 01546 602315.

Houston and Killellan Kirk Millennium Committee: A Garden Party, Songs of Praise and Beating the Retreat at Houston House, Renfrewshire, on August 2.
Contact: Irene McCracken - 01505 322707.

Dalkeith Festival Millennium Celebration Involving a parade through the town, fancy dress competition, pram race, parachutes and fireworks and much, much more. On August 4 and 5.
Contact: Danny Molloy - 0131 271 3080.

Gordon 2000: A celebration of history and heritage, to include a festival of music, dance and art. Highlights include Lifestyle 2000 Expo, clan gatherings and live performances from Scottish hand Capercaillie. Between August 4 and 6.
Contact: Lyndsay Clark - 01466 799 178.

Ballater Old Public School Reunion: From August 6 to 12, there's a week of activities - including golf, hillwalking, musicals, Doric readings and a church service in Ballater, Aberdeenshire.
Contact: Alexander Copeland - 01339 756116.

Millennium Commonwealth Youth Games: The first ever Commonwealth Games for youth under-18s, including teams from Scotland, England, Australia and Canada. To be held in Edinburgh from August 9 to 15.
Contact: John McBay - 0131 336 1924.

Garmouth and Kingston Summer Festival: A traditional village festival including street party, ceilidh, sport and arts activities in Moray from August 12 to 20.
Contact: Nick Goodchild - 01343 56341.

Friendly Millennium Cycle Relay: A cycle relay in costumes of the past two millenniums, from Inverness to St Valery, France. From August 15 to 22.
Contact: Margaret Sieczkarek - 01463 238134.

Snapshots in Time: A Flower Festival depicting historic events of local and national interest at Kilmartin Church, by Lochgilphead, from August 15 to 19.
Contact: Isabella Soudan - 01546 602973.



Kirn Gala: Workshops and artwork building up to a traditional Scottish Gala in Dunoon. Runs from August 19 to 23.
Contact: Brian Chennell - 01369 706884.

Arbroath Abbey Pageant: From August 21 to 26 there's a depiction of the signing of the Declaration of Scottish Independence in 1320 in Arbroath Abbey.
Contact: David Langlands - 01241 873853.

SEPTEMBER 2000

Arts Plus Festival: An exciting and dynamic arts extravaganza, between September 1 and 3, celebrating Scottish family life in Glasgow.
Contact: Naomi Breeze - 0141 333 1450.

Doon Day: Through the theme of 'bygone years', the villages of Twynholm, Boroque and Ringford in the Borders, will come together on September 2 for a millennium celebration. The event will include a vintage tractor display and hot air balloons.
Contact: Robert Wilson - 01557 860230.

Helensburgh Millennium Visual Arts Festival: From September 4 to 9, there will be workshops, demonstrations, lectures and challenge competitions on the visual arts.
Contact: Jill Locock - 01463 671252.

World Blind Golf: To be held at Dalnashay Golf Hotel and Country Club from September 11 to 13. The competition will be a 36-hole, stroke-play event. Sixty golfers will compete from eight countries - including, Japan, USA, Canada and Australia.
Contact: Jim Gales - 01334 653767.

Art Exhibition and Flower Festival: These exhibitions are open to all ages of the community, the theme for the Flower Festival is 'Looking Back is the Future'. It will take place in Houston, Renfrewshire, between September 14 and 16.
Contact: Irene McCracken - 01505 322707.

AD: The production of a theatrical event retelling the story of Jesus Christ through a new work by Edwin Morgan. Held in the Tramway Theatre, Glasgow, from September 20 till October 7.
Contact: Lee Davidson - 0141 204 3124.



SEE THE WORLD'S TOP YOUNG ATHLETES IN ACTION

The Millennium Commonwealth Youth Games will be held in Edinburgh between August 10 and 14.

This inaugural event, devised by the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland, provides a unique platform for talented young athletes to compete at international level in a multi-sport event.

For many, it will be a springboard to full senior competition and, perhaps, success in the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester and the Olympic Games in years to come.

Nearly 600 athletes – all under 18 years old – from 14 nations will contest the medals over three days of fierce competition in eight sports at venues in and around Edinburgh.

The sports involved are – athletics, fencing, gymnastics, hockey, tennis, squash, swimming, and weightlifting.

The competing Commonwealth

countries are: Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, England, India, Malaysia, Nauru, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Wales and Zimbabwe.

A cultural/rest day will be included in the programme, which will give the athletes an opportunity to experience the hospitality of the Scottish people and their culture.

Louise Martin, of the Commonwealth Games Council for Scotland – organisers of the event – said: "We are delighted with the response to this new event from the other Commonwealth Federations."

"Already the future of the Games is assured, with three Australian cities bidding to host the second Commonwealth Youth Games in 2004. This event is set to be an historic milestone in the Commonwealth movement."

"I am particularly pleased that Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, will officially open the Games."

"He will read an official

THE MILLENNIUM COMMONWEALTH YOUTH GAMES

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message from The Queen at the opening ceremony on August 10.

The event has been possible thanks to the financial support of organisations, including the Millennium Commission and sportscotland's lottery fund, through the Scottish Millennium Festival.

By holding the event during the school holidays, and making entry to all events free to under-18's, it is hoped that youngsters from across Scotland will come along and be inspired by watching some of the world's top athletes of their own age in action. For further information, phone: 0131 336 1924.

The Flora Celtica Exhibition

The Scotland 2000 Exhibition is at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh Exhibition Hall from the July 1 to 30. This imaginative interactive show, incorporating sound, animation, artifacts and images, will bring to life the diverse and fascinating roles of native plants in the lives of Scottish people. Visitors will have the chance to contribute their own knowledge. The exhibition will travel around Scotland until the end of 2001.

The Flora Celtica Roadshow

The Scotland 2000 Roadshow set off on May 1. Fifty primary schools in the Hebrides and West Coast are being visited in the course of this month-long event, whose central message is that native plants are useful, interesting, and still relevant today. The show is exciting and fun, featuring theatre, role play, and a process of discovery of useful native plants and plant-based products. Contact: William Milliken – 0131 552 7171

AD

Raindog, one of Scotland's most innovative and experimental theatre companies, recently announced a

ground-breaking millennium theatre project, called simply 'AD'.

This large-scale event will consist of a trilogy of plays written by acclaimed Scottish writer and Glasgow Poet Laureate, Edwin Morgan. The plays will be a radical reworking of the most influential story of the past 2000 years – the life of Jesus Christ.

This complex and alluring story tells how the relatively short span of one man's life made such an impact on the world that, 2000 years later, his legacy continues. The all-encompassing passion in Christ's life was humanity – men and women and their journey through existence.

AD will not attempt to "explain away" Christianity. It will attempt to be objective in its recounting of the events that led to the formation of the Christian religion. The production will lay bare this remarkable story and reinterpret it for a modern audience.

The trilogy of plays will be presented in Glasgow's internationally renowned Tramway, from September 20 to October 7, 2000. Raindog are proud and extremely grateful to have received awards from the Scottish Arts Council, Scotland Onstage, and the Millennium Festival Fund through support from Coca-Cola and Bank of Scotland.

Contact: Lee Davidson – 0141 572 0777

One O' Clock Gun

Citizens of Edinburgh have treasured the One O' Clock Gun since it was first fired way back in 1861. Less well known is the Time Ball, situated atop Nelson's Monument on Calton Hill.

In those days, on the exact stroke of One, the ball would drop, sending a signal along a 4000-foot steel cable – which stretched over the city at a height of 240 feet – to the Half-Moon Battery at Edinburgh Castle.

This system was devised by Charles Piazzi Smyth, who became Astronomer Royal for Scotland in 1846, to allow ships' captains on the River Forth to set their chronometers.

The One O' Clock Gun Exhibition is being staged at Edinburgh Castle, thanks to a grant from the Scottish Millennium Festival Fund via the Heritage Lottery Fund, Historic Scotland and 52 Lowland Brigade (Army). Contact: 0131 310 5071



Still under siege - 700 years later

THE 'Hammer of the Scots' is back. The English king, Edward I, will oversee a medieval siege at Caerlaverock Castle this summer – just as he did exactly 700 years ago. The 'king' will be taking part in Historic Scotland's biggest ever event of its type on July 8 and 9, when more than 200 performers will recreate the two-day siege.

Caerlaverock Castle, near Dumfries, was caught up in the fierce Wars of Independence and like many other border fortresses, its Scottish defenders fought hard to resist the attack.

An epic poem detailing the battle at Caerlaverock still exists, and this is being used as the blueprint for the recreated siege.

Although the garrison ultimately surrendered in 1300, their courage so impressed the victors that their lives were spared, and each soldier was given a new suit of clothes.

Historic Scotland Events Manager, Nick Finnigan said: "There will be a full programme of activities on both days between 11am and 4pm."

"Visitors can talk to the knights, taste medieval food, join in role play and inspect the weapons used. The grounds surrounding the castle will hold the Camp of Edward I, a medieval market and there will be the garrison protecting the castle as well."

The event, which has received £30,000 Scottish Millennium Festival Funding from the Millennium Commission, is Historic Scotland's headline event for 2000. The agency runs a programme of events throughout Scotland every year, but the siege is one of its most ambitious.

Mr Finnigan added: "As well as skilled fighters, we will be staging falconry and archery demonstrations."

"The medieval market will highlight traditional crafts – leatherwork, weaving, pottery and woodwork – along with the hurly-burly of medieval life."

"We will have stocks and pillories for the lawbreakers – whether they are performers or visitors!" Contact: 0131 668 8844



Making the most of the Millennium lottery cash

Who are the Lottery Distributors in Scotland?

The Scottish Millennium Festival has been made possible by funding from the National Lottery. In Scotland, the Millennium Commission, National Lottery Charities Board, Heritage Lottery Fund, Scottish Arts Council and sportscotland, all contributed to the Scottish Millennium Festival Fund.

THE SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL

The Scottish Arts Council aims to play its part in creating a dynamic arts environment, which values the artist and enhances the quality of life for the people of Scotland.

It does this by providing leadership; developing new ideas and initiatives; working in partnership; promoting the arts and artists; providing information and advice; and investing in the arts for the people of Scotland through Government and Lottery funding.
Contact: 0131 240 2443/2444 (open 10am to 12 noon and 2pm to 4pm). Or e-mail help.desk@scottisharts.org.uk. Or visit our website: www.sac.org.uk

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sportscotland is Scotland's national agency dedicated to promoting sporting opportunities for Scots at all levels, whatever their interest or ability. We are driven by three visions:

Widening Opportunities – creating a country where sports is more widely available to all.

Developing Potential – creating a country where sporting talent is recognised and nurtured.

Achieving Excellence – gaining and sustaining world class performances in sport.

sportscotland is also responsible for the distribution of National Lottery funds. More than £100 million has been invested in all aspects of Scottish sport, including youth and school sport, major events, coaching, talented athletes and sports facilities and equipment.
Contact: 0131 339 9000



National Lottery Charities Board:

The voluntary sector is close to the people of Scotland. More than half of us volunteer time to help others – through neighbourhood groups, caring services,



church organisations, advice centres, playgroups, lunchclubs... the list is long!

All of the funds of the National Lottery Charities Board – around £160 million so far – go to support that voluntary work.

Since it started making grants in 1995, more than 6000 groups in Scotland have benefited from lottery funding through the Charities Board,

one of the original 'good causes' receiving a share of the lottery pound.

Every penny goes directly to voluntary organisations. Grants can be easy to access – through the joint distributor Awards for All scheme for small groups or through the main grants programmes which focus on promoting Community Involvement and tackling Poverty and Disadvantage.
Contact: 0870 2402391.

Further Information

Information within this supplement provides a listing of a selection of Scottish Millennium Festival projects taking place over the next 6 months. Over 500 projects taking place in Scotland are listed on the Millennium Festival website: www.festival2000.co.uk.

Or, phone the NMEC office on 01259 219905 for details of Scottish Millennium Festival events in your area.



Heritage
Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund helps to bring Scotland's rich heritage to life – preserving our past while making it interesting, fun and within reach of everyone, young and old alike.

Many associate heritage with 'old buildings' but it reaches much further. Art, industry, transport, countryside and wildlife have all had a part to play in shaping our past.

From its office in Edinburgh, HLF's Scottish team is assessing all Scottish applications. To date more than 400 projects which have benefited from grants amounting to £164million.

As a result, small community groups are making their local history more accessible; inner city buildings are being restored bringing economic regeneration to important areas; and larger heritage organisations are able to secure unique treasures for the nation.

By working together, Scotland's heritage is being explored and enjoyed by many more people today while being conserved for the people of tomorrow.
Contact: 0131 225 9450



The Millennium Commission is distributing around £2 billion of Lottery funds in a unique and

diverse programme of work to mark the millennium across the UK.

Initiatives include:

Millennium Projects – a new layer of cultural and economic assets;

Millennium Festivals – community based celebrations; Millennium Awards – benefiting individuals and their communities;

And the UK-wide Millennium Experience – including the Dome – as the centrepiece of the year 2000 celebrations.

The sum of grants awarded to mark the millennium represents the largest single non-governmental investment ever made in the social and community infrastructure throughout the UK.

The projects and schemes will provide long-term benefits and a lasting legacy for future generations.
Contact: 0207 880 2001

This fund was further enhanced by sponsorship from Coca-Cola and Bank of Scotland.

Many of the projects listed would not have been possible without the support of these organisations.